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To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **United Nations Staff Relief Committee for the Victims of the Earthquake in Peru**

1. On 15 August 2007 a devastating earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale hit areas of Peru, causing massive casualties and damage. Hundreds of thousands of people were affected by the earthquake, which struck cities and towns such as Ica, Pisco and Chincha. An estimated 80 per cent of the buildings were destroyed in Pisco by the earthquake, leaving thousands of people in urgent need of medical attention, food, water and shelter. With the approval of the Secretary-General and the support of the United Nations Staff Committee, staff at Headquarters have formed the United Nations Staff Relief Committee for the Victims of the Earthquake in Peru to collect donations from the staff at large to assist the victims of this devastating earthquake.

2. The Committee is comprised of: Jorge Voto-Bernales, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations, Honorary Chairperson; Alicia Bárcena, Under-Secretary-General for Management, Chairperson; Patricia Tapia, Vice-Chairperson; Jessica Cairo-Chrysafi, Coordinator; Jaime Garreta, Co-Treasurer; Emad Hassanin, Co-Treasurer; Elizabeth Jiménez, Secretary; Alvaro Calderón, Buenaventura Juárez, Pedro Maisch, Gloria Mueller, Luis Rojas, Rosa Suárez and Ana Claudia Vi[illegible]tas, members.

3. Starting Friday, 24 August 2007, contributions in cash or cheque will be collected by authorized staff members on behalf of the Committee, who will go floor by floor and will be stationed in front of the cafeterias as well. All proceeds will be donated through an appropriate United Nations relief agency to assist the victims.

4. Contributions may be deposited at any branch of the United Nations Federal Credit Union, Account No. 949290 (United Nations Staff Relief Committee for Peru). Staff who are serving overseas and would like to contribute can do so by sending a wire transfer to the United Nations Federal Credit Union account number

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given above using ABA routing No. 226078609. Contributions may also be made by cheque payable to the United Nations Staff Relief Committee for Peru and sent to: United Nations Staff Relief Committee for Peru, in care of Jaime Garreta, Co-Treasurer, Room FF-335B, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 10017. Contributions are being accepted until 30 September 2007.